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1. The work of the Kader-Abteilung of the SED Landesverband Brandenburg has been coming in for criticism on the score of unsystematic performance. In line with the policy of embarking on a planned strengthening of the functionary body, a renewed check of the personal and political background of all functionaries will be undertaken, to be completed not later than April 1950. SED members occupying official positions in the various land ministries will be investigated by the Ministry of the Interior. All functionaries of the Landesverband have to submit a curriculum vitae once a year. On the basis of the results of the investigations and the personality assessments (Karakteristiken) requested of the party member's superior, the Kader Abteilung will map out a plan which is to govern the professional advancement of the functionary in the Party.

2. Charlotte Eppinger was elected 2nd secretary of the SED 50X1-HUM
Brandenburg Landesverband at a delegates' conference 2-4
December 1949. She succeeded Paul Bismarck who [redacted]

Dr. [redacted] resigned his position as 2nd secretary (he has retained his membership in the Vorstand). Originally, Erwin Dossow [redacted] had been picked by the Party to fill this position. Instead, however, he was appointed head of the Agricultural Section of the Landesverband and his nomination was withdrawn. Next it was decided to put up (fnu) Kieling, the chief of the Work and Social Welfare Section of the Landesverband. When he was introduced to the delegates, questions from the floor disclosed that he had been active in Party politics only since 1945. Prior to 1945 his contact with workers' parties had been slim. His wife, further probing revealed, had been a Party candidate for only 8 weeks. In answering questions, Kieling committed such heresies as using the expression "Umbruch 1945" and relating that he had been taken prisoner by "Polish comrades" in 1945 although he must have known that this term could not possibly apply to members of the Anders Army. It was also held against him that he had been a non-commissioned officer. Although he had attended the Party school, his record as a functionary showed evidence of careerist tendencies. At this point the secretariat decided that it would be too risky to put Kieling's nomination to the vote, therefore withdrew it, and since no alternate nomination had been submitted, pulled Eppinger's name out of a hat. #

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3. Several section chiefs of the Landesverband are on the way out, among them Erwin Hintze (in charge of Abteilung Kommunalpolitik) who has been selected to attend a study course at the Karl Marx Hochschule and (fnu) Paatz (in charge of Abteilung Staatsverwaltung).

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4. In the course of December 1949 a sizeable number of Antifa graduates returned from the USSR. In this connection mention was made of Camp 2041 as the graduating center from which they had been turned out. The Landesverband considered this shipment as opening up an urgently needed reservoir from which to replenish its functionary corps.

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on the value of Antifa graduates, the mere fact of their having graduated from an Antifa school should not be considered as implying 100% reliability. By way of illustrating

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one of the graduates was found to have concealed in a false-bottom suitcase a cache of notes on which he had listed the names of all graduates, instructors, and Soviet officers in charge of the camp.

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5. The Gesellschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät of Leipzig University has turned out its first crop of graduates. From a few isolated instances it could be inferred that the Gewefak has not as yet established itself among leading Party functionaries as necessarily on a par with party schools. A graduate, though recommended to Minister of Education Rücker, obtained only lukewarm support on the part of the Landesverband in his quest for a position in that ministry. Had he been a Karl Marx graduate all doors would have been open to him.

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7. The title of the lecture described in the foregoing paragraph had originally been "Our fight against Trotzkyism." Subsequently, however, the use of the word Trotzkyism was banned on the grounds that its use as well as that of the word Titoism could be construed as an implied admission that there exist outside the framework of the Communist doctrine deviating ideologies. It should be clearly understood, however, that all deviations from the Party line automatically place their practitioners in the camp of imperialism. [redacted] this was not a private notion on the part of the Landesverband leadership, but [redacted] it expressed views held by the highest leadership of the Party.

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Comment: [redacted] It had been previously agreed that the position of 2nd Secretary should be filled [redacted] by an SED member not belonging to the old guard.

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